

GENERAL INFORMATION

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ISLANDS. To the south-west of the mainland is a group of islands belonging to the Province including Campbell, 115,000 acres, Grand Manan, 37,000 acres, and the West Isles, 8,000 acres. The population of these islands is between 5,000 and 6,000 mostly fishermen.

LAKES. The principal body of water in New Brunswick is Grand Lake, 47,232 acres in area. It is connected with the St. John River by the Jemseg Canal 3 m. long. There are many beautiful little lakes.

RIVERS. The St. John River is navigable for large steamers up to Fredericton 85 miles, and for lighter craft to Grand Falls, 225 miles from the sea. Its navigable tributaries include the Tobique, Madawaska, Aroostook, Keswick, Nashwaak, Oromocto, Nerepis, and Kennebecasis rivers. The St. Croix and Petitcodiac and a number of smaller rivers also run into the Bay of Fundy. The Miramichi, Richibucto, and Nepisiguit empty into the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Restigouche flows into the Bay of Chaleur. All these rivers are navigable except the St. Croix, which is navigable only to St. Stephen, 16 miles from its mouth.

BAY OF FUNDY. The Bay of Fundy is an arm of the sea 140 miles long, between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, terminating in Chignecto Bay and the Bay of Minas. The extreme breadth is 45 miles. It is famous for its tides, influenced by the Gulf Stream, which rise 26 ft. at St. John and 60 ft. at Chignecto Bay.

CLIMATE.—The summers are clear and cool; the winters cold and bracing, especially in the interior, and free from sudden changes. During the growing season there are frequent showers, mostly at night. Sunny days are the rule. In 17 years the average hours of bright sunshine at Fredericton varied from 94 in November to 238 in July. The following table taken from Heaton's Annual shows the mean annual temperature and the average annual rainfall at various points in the province:

	Temp.	Rain
Chatham.....	39.3	40
Dalhousie.....	36.9	36
Fredericton.....	40.5	46
Grand Manan Island.....	43.0	49
Moncton.....	40.7	37
St. Andrews.....	41.3	40
St. John.....	41.2	48
St. Stephen.....	41.8	40
Sussex.....	42.0	43

Latitude.—The most southerly point is a little south of 45° N. latitude; the most northerly a little north of